

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5949

INFO AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

C O N F I D E N T I A L PHNOM PENH 6111

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, LA, CB

SUBJ: SOUPHANOUVONG TELLS SIHANOUK PATHET LAO CANNOT HELP IN  
KHMER SETTLEMENT

1. ON APRIL 30 LAO AMBASSADOR VONGSOUTHU RETURNED COURTESY  
CALL WHICH I HAD MADE ON HIM EARLIER THIS MONTH. IN THE  
MEANTIME LAO AMBASSADOR HAD GONE TO VIENTIANE FOR LAO NEW  
YEAR. WHILE IN VIENTIANE, LAO AMBASSADOR HAD LONG SESSION  
WITH DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER PHOUMI  
VONGVICHIT WHO ASKED HIM TO CONVEY FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO ME:  
DURING PRINCE SIHANOUK'S VISIT  
BAGSM NEUA IN MARCH,  
SIHANOUK HAD REQUESTED PRINCE SOUPHANOUVONG (IN PHOUMI'S  
PRESENCE) FOR PATHET LAO ASSISTANCE IN ESTABLISHING DIRECT  
CONTACT WITH AMERICANS. AS RELATED BY THE LAO AMBASSADOR,  
PHOUMI CLAIMS THAT SIHANOUK POINTED TO LAO SETTLEMENT WHICH  
AMERICANS HAD HELPED TO BRING ABOUT AND ASKED  
SOUPHANOUVONG TO USE HIS GOOD OFFICES TO ESTABLISH  
DIRECT CONTACT BETWEEN AMERICANS AND SIHANOUK.  
SOUPHANOUVONG DECLINED, PLEADING THAT LAOS IS TOO  
SMALL A COUNTRY TO BE INTERMEDIARY AND URGED SIHANOUK  
TO TURN TO CHINESE WHO HAVE MORE INFLUENCE WITH AMERICANS.

2. PHOUMI ALSO TOLD LAO AMBASSADOR THAT BEST WAY LAOS  
CAN HELP CAMBODIA IS OE PROVE TO THE WORLD THAT LAO  
SETTLEMENT WORKS. PHOUMI INSTRUCTED LAO AMBASSADOR  
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TO ADOPT LOW POSTURE IN PHNOM PENH IN VIEW CONTINUATION

OF KHMER CONFLICT.

3. ONLY POSITIVE RESULT OF THIS CONVERSATION WAS AN  
INVITATION BY AMBASSADOR FOR A TRADITIONAL LAO KAO PHOUN  
DINNER LATER NEXT MONTH.  
DEAN

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